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FOR USE IN DRUG DELIVERY

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants submit an Information Disclosure Statement, including two (2) pages of Form PTO-1449. Most of the documents cited below were cited by or submitted to the Patent Office in Application Serial No. 09/255,179, filed February 22, 1999, to which the present application claims priority. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), Applicants are not enclosing copies of these publications. Copies, however, will be provided upon request.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) prior to a first Office Action on the merits. It therefore is believed that no fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2507. A duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed to facilitate the process.

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Remarks

This statement should not be interpreted as a representation that an exhaustive search has been conducted or that no better art exists. Moreover, Applicants invite the Examiner to make an independent evaluation of the cited art to determine its relevance to the subject matter of the present application. Applicants are of the opinion that their claims patentably distinguish over the art referred to herein, either alone or in combination.

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